



Eddie A. Perez
Mayor

HARTFORD WELCOMES CIRQUE DU SOLEIL'S KOOZA

---MAYOR'S MESSAGE---

(March 27, 2008)--- On behalf of the elected and appointed officials and the residents of the City of Hartford, Mayor Eddie A. Perez welcomes Cirque du Soleil back to Connecticut's Capital City.

Mayor Perez says, "Not only does this event reinforce that Hartford is one of America's premiere cities for Arts and Entertainment, but the 36 shows in April will provide a positive economic boost for the City as well. People from all over the city, region, state--- and the world for that matter--- will get to experience this quality entertainment extravaganza and the hospitality and diversity that Hartford has to offer."

Residents and visitors alike will also have the opportunity to visit Hartford's historic museums and sample the City's restaurants and businesses. Last year alone, approximately 112 new businesses started up as Hartford continues its revitalization.

Mayor Perez goes on to say, "What is unique about Cirque du Soleil is that the performers become part of the fabric of our community. By some of the members living here, even for a short time, they add feet on the street and that adds to the vibrancy of our City."

The blue and yellow Grand Chapiteau (big top) serves as a temporary addition to the skyline and is located at the crossroads of I-84 and I-91. Opening night is Tuesday, April 1st. This is the East Coast premiere.